



The GLN Registry for Healthcare™

Beyond business, beyond the supply chain, healthcare is much more than supply and demand. There is perhaps no other industry where accuracy and speed are more important. In healthcare, caregivers need the right products, in the right location, at the right time to ensure the proper patient treatment.

The GLN Registry for Healthcare was created by the healthcare industry to facilitate more efficient business practices and to help drive down supply chain costs for both healthcare providers and suppliers. The Registry is an electronic catalog of data for all healthcare facilities and healthcare-related facilities in the United States. The Registry solves the industry-wide challenge of inaccurate identification by providing a central, standardized location identification standard for healthcare providers and healthcare-related entities.

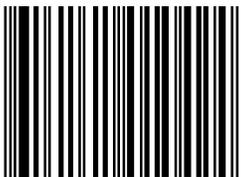
How the GLN Registry Works

Each location of a healthcare facility is assigned a unique 13-digit number called a Global Location Number (GLN). The GLN provides a globally unique standardized location identification number for providers, manufacturers, and distributors. The GLN can identify a functional entity, such as a nursing station; a physical entity, such as a warehouse or a hospital wing; or a legal entity or trading partner, such as a specific company or supplier. Examples of healthcare locations that can be identified by a GLN include:

- Hospitals
- Surgical Centers
- Clinics
- Warehouses
- Sales Offices
- Corporate Headquarters
- Distribution Centers
- P.O. Box Addresses
- Dock Doors
- Regional Offices

The GLN Registry for Healthcare provides a comprehensive and accurate list of healthcare facilities, with corresponding GLNs, in the United States. The Registry also keeps track of the name, address, class of trade, and organizational hierarchy information.

Subscribers to the Registry, which include hospitals, manufacturers, and distributors, are able to access an updated and accurate list of manufacturers, distributors, retailers, hospitals, clinics, and retail/mail-order pharmacies, ensuring enhanced accuracy of their supply chain activities.



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Business Benefits

Users of the GLN Registry for Healthcare experience a variety of business benefits:

- The enhanced data integrity allows healthcare providers and suppliers to improve collaborative commerce activities in key electronic commerce processes, such as invoicing and logistics.
- The GLN Registry for Healthcare promotes efficiency by accelerating the use of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and Extensible Markup Language (XML)-based business messages.
- GLNs can be assigned to any location ensuring ultimate flexibility to meet the needs and requirements of all businesses anywhere in the world.
- The Registry is online and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is the only place that stores all present and past GLN information.
- Using the GLN, an open, global standard, ties communication within healthcare to a global language of business that is agreed upon across 23 major industries in 155 countries.
- A GLN can be used throughout the world, eliminating the inefficiencies of proprietary numbers and identification.

Subscribe to the Registry

Learn more about the GLN Registry for Healthcare, registering your company's data, and how to subscribe to begin using the Registry now at www.gs1us.org/healthcare

About GS1 US BarCodes and eCom™

GS1 US BarCodes and eCom operates the GLN Registry for Healthcare to drive efficiency to the healthcare industry, and is the national implementation organization for the GS1 System in the United States. The GS1 System, formerly the EAN•UCC System, standardizes identification numbers, data carriers, Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), GS1 Business Message Standards using Extensible Markup Language (XML), and other supply chain solutions for more efficient business. Learn more about other healthcare-related GS1 System tools by visiting

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